

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:         | ) | Art Unit:               |
| Eric JACQUINOT et al.         | ) |                         |
| U.S.S.N.:                     | ) | Washington, D.C.        |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case and prior  
to calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 2", and  
insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 3", and  
insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 4", and  
insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 5", and  
insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 6", and  
insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 7", and  
insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 to 8", and  
insert therefor --claim 1--.